

The condition of roads, pavements, paths and hedges was one of the main issues of concern for residents across the whole Local Community Action Plan area. People are conscious of the way their community looks and the need for maintenance of the local infrastructure.

People are concerned that potholes are a danger for drivers and cyclists and see the limited life of pothole repairs as frustrating.

Respondents also report that overhanging shrubbery obstructs pavements. Parents report that they have difficulty walking their children to school because of the condition of the footpaths and that network of paths is fragmented. This is reported as one of a range of disincentives to leaving the car at home.



■ Background

- The number and type of vehicles using a road usually impacts on the level and speed of road surface wear
- Shelveys Way, Shelveys Spur, Epsom Lane South, Cross Road and Tadorne Road have recurrent pothole problems and other areas report similar difficulties
- Tadworth Street is considered to have a poor road surface
- People are uncertain who is responsible for cutting back shrubbery in frontages
- Bushes and saplings overgrow the pavement from Network Rail land in Station Approach and High Street and bushes obstruct paths on the Heathcote Estate and are blocking sightlines on Dorking Road junction with New Road
- The surface of the alleyway by Barclays Bank is reported as poor
- Tree roots make the footpaths uneven leading down to the station in The Avenue and in Tower Road and other areas report similar difficulties
- A dropped kerb is missing from the pavement at the entrance to Russetts

■ Actions

- Work with SCC Highways Authority on priority repairs and resurfacing
- Investigate ownership of overhanging vegetation and discuss removal. Issue an enforcement notice if required

- Contact Network Rail about overgrowing bushes
- Working with SCC a dropped kerb is to be installed at the entrance to Russetts

■ **Lead/Responsible Agency:**

- Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways
- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
- Network Rail

■ **Resources:**

- Surrey County Council - continued programme of works

■ **Timescale:**

- On-going programme of resurfacing, repair and maintenance

■ **Outcome Measuring/Reporting:**

- Information passed to SCC

■ **Local Community : What you can do**

- Report potholes and pavement repairs direct via SCC Website www.surreycc.gov.uk - do it online
- Report overhanging vegetation to Network Rail National Helpline on 08457 11414
- Maintain your trees and shrubs

